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Newsletter #78:

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Hello! I hope you all had a nice week. I'm trying to enjoy my last few weeks of quiet before the numismatic year officially begins for me. After the Summer ANA in Philadelphia I will hit the ground running. There are so many high quality auctions and things to do that I sometimes forget to just sit back and enjoy the quiet moments. This week and next are really like that. There are some e auctions going on at the moment but instead of featuring them this week I would like to discuss the auctions at the Summer ANA since I have the possibility to be of real service to my customers.

A special note about encapsulated coins

Most coins are encapsulated at both auction houses at the ANA WFOM. Please understand that if you work with me then my notes will not include an inspection of the edges of the coin due to the limitations caused by the encapsulation. Some ancient dealers refuse to bid on coins that are in slabs. I am not against this, however customers should be aware that if you opt to crack out a coin in the slab and you find something amiss it is not necessarily a given that a return will be allowed. You may contact the auction house on your own if you want to request a return but I will not assist. I don't want to dissuade anyone from bidding in the auctions but you should be fully aware of my terms before you embark on bidding with me. Please contact me if you have any additional questions. Of course if a coin is suspected to be a forgery, encapsulated or not, I will assist with the return process.

Stacks Bowers & Ponterio WFOM Auction (August 14 - 9 a.m. EST (Lots 20,001-20,653))

Some of you may like to know that over 100 coins are being offered in the SB&P auctions (some are in the August 14 auction and others in the internet only auction on August 20) from the John Whitney Walter collection. Who was Mr. Walter? Well, some of you may

find it interesting that John Whitney Walter was the first cousin of our current President, Donald Trump. I met John years ago when my father worked with him on organizing his vast collection of coins and then later helped him to sell the collection in 1990 through the famous "Men of Rome" auction hosted by Stacks. Whatever your current political views, John was a nice man and accomplished collector. His death on January 8, 2018 was a loss felt by the entire numismatic world. Here is a biography of John from the Esylum if you are interested:

http://www.coinbooks.org/v21/esylum_v21n08a09.html

Heritage Auctions WFOM Platinum Night - August 17 - 6 p.m. EST (Lots 30001-30453)

Heritage will hold their Platinum auction night featuring ancient and world coins at 6 p.m. EST. The Platinum night is when the self described best coins are offered. Having attended several Heritage auctions I can attest that the coins are usually very nice. There is also typically some outlandish bidding going on. Sometimes I am astounded by the hammers that are realized in the Heritage sales but as the saying goes in the auction world "all you need are two bidders". In any case, there are some lovely pieces being offered. Heritage has a great web platform that they do not charge for and if you prefer to have me view and then bid yourself I am happy to negotiate a proper fee for my work with you.

Fall European Trip (Sept/Oct)

I have purchased my airline tickets for the Fall events. Here is the pertinent information:

Sept 21-24: Zurich, Switzerland - view and then bid at the August 24th NAC auction.

Sept 25-26: Zurich, Switzerland - view the Leu and Nomos auctions that take place end of March (I will view lots and then phone and/or internet bid)

October 2-11: Osnabrück, Germany - view and then bid at the Künker auctions (auctions take place from the 5-11) and I may opt to phone bid some of the later auctions depending on the quantity of bids I have.

October 14-15: Munich, Germany - view and then bid at the Gorny & Mosch auction (the ancient portion will take place on the 15th). I am available to view for lots auctioned off on the 16th but may not be in the room for live bidding.

Please kindly let me know what specific lots you want me to view for the Leu and Nomos auctions once the catalogs become available. Knowing the specific lots versus viewing the entire sale without clarity is always the best for both the customer and the dealer.

PNG Day (August 13) and World's Fair of Money (August 14-18), Philadelphia, PA

The ANA in Philadelphia is coming up. My table number for PNG day is number 412. For those of you unfamiliar, the PNG (Professional Numismatist Guild) holds a one-day bourse for their members only. I am a full member of the PNG so this year I opted to take a table. At the end of the day on the 13th I'll move to my ANA table which is 1428, next to the ANS. There are many interesting and informative events for collectors over the course of the 5 days so I urge you to take a look at the site and see what might be worthwhile for you.



Coin of the Week

<https://www.shannaschmidt.com/roman-republic/roman-social-war-bovianum-89-bc?rq=rr1057>

Roman Social War. Bovianum (?), 89 BC

AR Denarius, 3.78g (18mm, 5h). Head of Italia with laurel wreath, behind head, VITELIU (Italia in local language) / Standing soldier with bull to his side

Pedigree: Ex Glendining's, London, 20 Feb 1972, lot 157

Price: \$5,750

The Social War was a volatile time in Rome's long history. The War was sparked by the denial to admit the Socii (Italians outside of Rome) into Roman society. The Socii had fought side by side with Romans in conflicts. This led to a desire to be incorporated into the society and get all the benefits fitting Roman citizens. Marcus Livius Drusus, a tribune, appealed to the Roman Senate, to have equality to all. His attempts were met with hostility by the Senate and led to his assassination which sparked the Social War.

The Marsi in the north and the Samnites in the south formed a confederacy and named themselves the Italia. They went so far as to create their own government and issue coinage, of which this example belongs. The army under Italia had success in the battles against the Romans but the conflict was ultimately settled when Lucius Julius Caesar helped persuade the Romans to accept those Italians that did not participate in the revolt.

References: Campana 147; Sydenham 627

Grade: Some minor overall wear, but in great condition for the type. EF

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If you are interested in this coin please click the link above or email me at shanna@shannaschmidt.com

Until next week!
Shanna

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